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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$--0-- is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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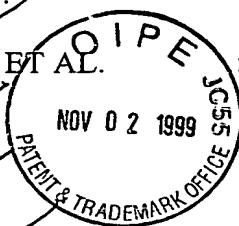
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Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 14, after "1996" insert --, now U.S.P. 5,909,493--.

Page 5, line 28, change "12B" to --12I--.

Page 7, line 3, after "monitored" insert --,--;

line 22, change "connectionless-modes" to --connection-modes--.

Page 11, line 15, after "network)" insert -- and the printer 262,--.

Page 14, line 6, change "Microcomputers" to --Microsystems--;

line 25, change "318" to --316--;

line 30, change "306" to --304--.

Page 15, line 15, after "266" delete the comma;

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